Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this Application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 17 (Canceled)

Claim 18. (Currently Amended) A method for molding plastic articles having pigments used to modify light reflectivity, including the steps of:

providing a mold having a first mold section and a second mold section with a mold cavity disposed between the first and the second mold sections, said first and second mold sections each including a recess;

providing a first gate design mold member, said first gate design mold member including an orifice having dimensions, said first gate design mold member including two interchangeable members, one of said two interchangeable members located in the recess in said first mold section and the second of said two interchangeable members located in the recess in said second mold section;

providing a feed system including a runner portion in direct fluid communication with said interchangeable members; and

forming a product in the mold cavity by providing a first plastic material including pigments used to modify light reflectivity through the first gate design mold member;

separating the first mold section and the second mold section;

removing the product from the mold cavity;

providing a second gate design mold member, said second gate design mold member including an orifice having dimensions; said second gate design mold member including two interchangeable members, one of said two interchangeable members located in the recess in said first mold section and the second of said two interchangeable members located in the recess in said second mold section,

exchanging the first gate design mold member ~~to~~ for the second gate design mold member;

forming a product in the mold cavity by providing a second plastic material through the second gate design mold member wherein said second gate design mold member orifice has dimensions different from the first gate design mold member orifice, and wherein the second plastic material includes at least one pigment that is different from said first plastic material.

Claim 19. (Previously Presented) The method for molding plastic articles of claim 18 wherein the mold comprises an injection mold.

Claim 20. (Previously Presented) The method for molding plastic articles of claim 18 wherein the first gate design mold member comprises an edge gate.

Claim 21. (Previously Presented) The method for molding plastic articles of claim 18 wherein the second gate design mold member comprises an edge gate.

Claim 22. (Canceled.)

Claim 23. (Canceled.)

Claim 24. (Previously Presented) The method for molding plastic articles of claim 18 wherein the first gate design mold member is removably attachable to the first or the second mold section by threaded fasteners.

Claim 25. (Previously Presented) The method for molding plastic articles of claim 18 wherein the second gate design mold member is removably attachable to the first or the second mold section by threaded fasteners.

Claim 26. (Currently Amended) An injection mold for use in combination with two or more plastic materials including metallic flake pigments to provide plastic articles having a uniform metallic appearance, the mold including:

a first mold section and a second mold section with a mold cavity disposed between the first and the second mold sections; at least one of said first and second mold sections including a recess; wherein said mold further includes a first gate design for feeding a first plastic material including metallic flake pigments to the mold cavity, and wherein said first gate design includes at least one first gate design mold member, said first gate design mold member comprising at least one interchangeable member, located in said recess in at least one of said first and said second mold sections, said interchangeable member of a first size and configuration to provide a uniform metallic appearance to said plastic articles formed from said first plastic material including metallic flake pigments; ~~and~~

a feed system including a runner portion in direct fluid communication with said interchangeable member; and

a second gate design for feeding a second plastic material including at least one metallic flake pigment different from that of said first plastic material, said second gate design including a second gate design mold member, said second gate design mold member comprising at least one interchangeable member, said wherein second gate design mold member is exchangably placeable in said recess of at least one of the first and the second mold sections for said first gate design mold member, said at least one interchangeable member of said second gate design mold member of a second size and configuration, said size and configuration different from the size and configuration of said first at least one interchangeable member, wherein said different size is selected based upon said second plastic material and wherein said different size is selected to ensure that said second plastic material flows into said cavity and provides a uniform metallic appearance.

Claim 27. (Previously Presented) The injection mold of claim 26 wherein the first gate design comprises an edge gate.

Claim 28. (Previously Presented) The injection mold of claim 26 wherein the second gate design comprises an edge gate.

Claim 29. (Previously Presented) The injection mold of claim 26 wherein the first gate design mold member is removably attachable to the first or the second mold section by threaded fasteners.

Claim 30. (Previously Presented) The injection mold of claim 26 wherein the second gate design mold member is removably attachable to the first or the second mold section by threaded fasteners.

Claim 31-34. (Canceled)